

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The State Prompt Payment Act is amended by
5 adding Section 8 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 540/8 new)

7 Sec. 8. Priority of payment.

8 (a) Definition. As used in this Section, "qualified
9 provider" means a not-for-profit organization that provides
10 non-residential services for the mentally ill or
11 developmentally disabled and is reimbursed or otherwise paid
12 for providing those services by the Illinois Department of
13 Human Services. A "qualified provider" does not include a
14 hospital licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act, a
15 long-term care facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care
16 Act only with respect to services provided in the licensed
17 facility to residents, or a local governmental unit or
18 university. A "qualified provider" also includes an entity
19 licensed under the Community-Integrated Living Arrangements
20 Licensure and Certification Act, but only with respect to the
21 services provided for a community-integrated living
22 arrangement. The Department of Human Services shall make the
23 determination of who is a "qualified provider".

24 (b) Processing by official or agency. Except as provided
25 in subsection (d), a bill or invoice for goods or services
26 furnished to the State submitted by a qualified provider and
27 a grant award payment to a qualified provider must be given
28 priority in processing. Any bill or invoice and any grant
29 award payment meeting these criteria that is submitted to an
30 official or agency must be processed and forwarded for
31 payment before any other bill, invoice, or grant award

1 payment is processed or forwarded for payment.

2 (c) Payment by Comptroller. Except as provided in
3 subsection (d), a voucher for payment for goods or services
4 furnished to the State by a qualified provider and a grant
5 award payment to a qualified provider submitted by an
6 official or agency to the Comptroller for payment must be
7 given priority in payment. Any voucher meeting these criteria
8 that is submitted to the Comptroller by an official or agency
9 for payment from a given fund must be paid before any other
10 bill, invoice, or grant award is paid from that fund. If 2 or
11 more vouchers eligible for priority payment are received by
12 the Comptroller in the same day for payment out of the same
13 fund and there is not enough money in the fund to pay them
14 all, then each bill, invoice, or grant award shall be paid in
15 the order in which it is received.

16 (d) The processing and payment of (i) debt service
17 obligations of the State and (ii) payroll obligations of the
18 State shall have priority over the processing and payment of
19 items as required by this Section.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.